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**WOODSTOCK POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE DEA  
IN THE NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG “TAKE BACK” INITIATIVE**

The Drug Enforcement Administration and government, community, public health and law enforcement partners is announcing a nationwide prescription drug “Take-Back” initiative that seeks to prevent increased pill abuse and theft. DEA will be collecting potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs for destruction at sites nationwide on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. local time. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Many Americans are not aware that medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are increasing at alarming rates, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, many Americans do not know how to properly dispose of their unused medicine, often flushing them down the toilet or throwing them away – both potential safety and health hazards.

The Woodstock Police Department will host a collection site in the public parking lot located on the east side of the Woodstock Police Department at 656 Lake Ave., Woodstock Illinois on Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Local residents may drop off their unwanted or unused solid dosage pharmaceutical drugs for disposal/destruction. Controlled, non-controlled and over the counter substances may be brought to this event.

**Liquid and gel products, intra-venous solutions, injectable, and syringes will not be accepted.** Woodstock Police Officers will be present to assist residents, however no questions will be asked and no identification will be required to participate in the program. For any questions regarding the local event, you may contact Deputy Chief Jeffrey Parsons of the Woodstock Police Department at 815-338-2131.



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